



WEDNESDAY EVENING, AUG. 17, 1914.

The Virginia State Firemen's Association began its session in the Opera House in this city at one o'clock this afternoon. The gentlemen composing this body are representative Virginians, and they have been accorded the hearty welcome and hospitality characteristic of the Old Dominion. It is hoped that their visit to Alexandria will prove joyous and its reminiscence in by-gone days be pleasant to each and every one. Firemen are among the real heroes of a community. Generally tending their services gratuitously, they often risk their lives in the interests of their fellow creatures, and even when danger does not lurk in their steps, they are on the alert night and day ready to respond to the call of duty. Alexandria has some sad memories concerning firemen. Nearly half a century has elapsed since seven of her citizens were crushed to death by a falling wall, while discharging their duty as firemen. A monument in Ivy Hill cemetery, overlooking this city, is a tribute of respect this city has paid to their memory. Children and grandchildren of the victims of that terrible disaster are in our midst, and the recollection of the sires will ever remain green in the hearts of all. Fighting fire is in our day conducted in a more effectual manner than in by-gone years, although the same courageous spirit is as requisite now as then. It is hard to tell exactly what measures were taken to extinguish fires by the ancients. A primitive measure consisted in filling a skin with water and using the intestines of a bull for hose. The skin was pressed and the water forced through the "hose." Later squirts or siphons were utilized. It required two men to hold this apparatus and one to work the plunger. Many now living remember the leathery fire-buckets and hand engines. The modern steam apparatus and chemical engine have simplified fire fighting and they often prevent what would prove disastrous conflagrations.

AN INTELLIGENT and observant resident of this neighborhood, in "exchanging notes" on present issues with a representative of the Gazette on the street a day or two ago, said "a volcano is muttering under us." A survey of tragedies and dramas now on the world's stage tends to superinduce such a belief, as crime, lawlessness and a disregard of the laws of God and man are in evidence everywhere. The newspapers are filled daily with vivid descriptions of wholesale disorders in certain cities, while violence and in many cases a total ignoring of the rights of others are on a gradual increase. In the face of all these things there is an evident attempt to eliminate all teachings concerning a future state, those engaged in this propaganda being bent upon robbing the humble and patient of the human race of their only legacy—the hope of immortality beyond the grave. At the funeral of a socialist in Newark, N. J., last Sunday believers in this false idea of economy interrupted the minister who was conducting the services and argued against the resurrection and immortality. The spokesman, among other things, said, "We seek to establish heaven on earth." This organization is growing mightily, not only in the United States, but throughout the world, and a time may come when it shall have assumed sufficient proportions to enable it to enter the political field. Such a thing did happen in the career of a sister country, and the horrors of the French revolution will ever form a bloody chapter in this world's history. This orb, to many, seems about to head-up in some such colossal movement, and it is as liable to be hatched in the United States as any other country. Some places are now being terrorized by one form of wrong or another. Rioting, incident to strikes, is chronic, while murderous societies, (segregations of foreigners), members of which send threatening letters to individuals, kidnap children and kill them when ransoms are not paid, are some of the gruesome pictures on the screen at the beginning of the twentieth century. The scenes in Georgia yesterday where two negroes were burned at the stake are as horrible as any heretofore enacted by the South.

THE SPEECH OF Hon. John Sharp Williams notifying ex-Senator Henry G. Davis of his selection by the national democratic convention as the candidate of the party for Vice President, while manifesting a vein of pleasantry, was brief and pointed. He called attention to a number of interesting facts, among them one to the effect that the late convention had not contracted its field in which to select a candidate north of Mason and Dixon's line, but had come

to what was formerly a part of old Virginia. The south land has brought forth many stars in the galaxy of American statesmen, not a few of whom have been prominent in the country's history both during and since the days of '76. Their scions are still the peers of any. The reply of Mr. Davis, while largely comparative and argumentative, was logical and conclusive, and proves that the democratic party has selected a man who has the ability to hold any position in the gift of the people.

From Washington.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.) Washington, D. C., Aug. 17.

Secretary Taft called at the White House this morning to give the President an account of his western trip. He was especially enthusiastic over the fair and is now engaged in advising every one he meets to go to St. Louis before the show closes.

The question as to whether or not a negro descendant of one of Andrew Jackson's old slaves should be appointed postmaster at the "Hermitage," the former home of the hero of New Orleans, has not come before the Postoffice Department for decision as has been reported in recent dispatches from Tennessee. In denial Post Master General Payne this morning gave out the following statement: "The article printed in many of the Sunday papers throughout the United States concerning the Hermitage (Tenn.) Postoffice is without foundation. The present postmaster is an ex-confederate soldier, is a good republican and no one is making application for his place. There is nothing in the article so far as the department is aware."

Secretary Metcalf of the Department of Commerce and Labor will leave tonight for a short visit to his home in California.

Naval officers here are deeply interested in the present controversy between this government and the republic of Panama as to justifying the canal zone, because of the intention of the United States to locate a big naval station and dry dock at Panama. It is stated that no matter what the final decision as to the canal zone boundaries may be, the four islands in the bay of Panama, which the United States acquired under the treaty, will still be in the canal zone and under the jurisdiction of the United States. This government plans to construct an immense dry dock, and this dock when completed by a United States vessel will be available, free of cost, to any vessel passing through the canal and requiring dry docking, such vessel only paying the cost of repairs made. When the big dry dock and repair plant which the United States will build on these islands is completed, naval officials say that it will be one of the most important naval stations of the entire western coast line of North and South America.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES

An electric car was struck by a train in Chicago this evening and it is reported that several persons were killed.

Nau Patterson, who was indicted in New York on June 5th last, for the murder of "Caesar" Young, a bookmaker, is tired of her confinement in the Tombs and today made application to be released on bail. The matter was taken under consideration.

Three persons are supposed to have been consumed in fire that destroyed the Padgett Mills six miles from Buffalo. After the building was destroyed it was found that Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Padgett and their young daughter were missing. They were known to be in the house last evening.

In a crash between two trolley cars occupied by a trolley party that was returning to West New York from Port Lee, early today, a score of persons were injured, all of West New York. The cars were going down a slight grade when one of the passengers on the section of three cars lost his hat, which had been carried off by the wind. The Motorman brought his car to a sudden stop and the car behind crashed into it.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Payne Whitney today at Ellsworth, Me. A daughter was born to the Whitneys in February of last year. The baby boy is the grandchild of Secretary of State Hay on his mother's side, and of the late Wm. C. Whitney, former Secretary of the Navy on his father's side.

Isaac Cohen, a strike breaker employed at the abattoir of Schwarzhild & Sulzberger Company, of New York, was attacked by strikers today and severely beaten. James Allen, who, it is alleged, was the ring leader of the assailants, was held in \$500 bail for trial.

There was excited trading on the New York Produce exchange this morning when several high records for wheat were scored. May wheat reached 110, an advance of 1 cent; September 109, an advance of 1 cent, and December 109, an advance of 1 cent.

This morning an unknown woman committed suicide by going over the American Falls at Niagara Falls. The suicide was witnessed by hundreds of people in Prospect Park. The woman leaped into the rapids about 500 feet from the precipice.

A freight train was derailed early today while crossing the New York and Newark Railroad bridge over the Hackensack river, between Jersey City and Newark. No person was injured and passenger traffic was not seriously delayed.

William H. Dodd, a civil war veteran from Factoryville, Pa., was the victim of burglars in Boston last night. They broke out several of his teeth and robbed him of \$45.

St. Y. Maher, one of the best known figures in the Reform Church in this country, died at his home, in Hanover, Pa., yesterday, at the age of 73 years.

Don Y. Maher, the American jockey, repeated his feat of yesterday by winning four races at Stockton, Eng., today.

FOREIGN NEWS.

In accordance with the wishes of King Alfonso, Premier Maura is considering a scheme for reconstituting the Spanish fleet.

The steamer James Westoll collided with the steamer Holland off Dover, Eng., today, and the latter sank. Eight persons are missing.

The various consuls at Nagasaki are preparing a strong protest against the alleged abstraction of registered and other letters from the mails on the steamer Prinz Heinrich in the Red Sea, and their examination by the officials of the Russian vessel which stopped the steamer.

It is learned in Berlin that the meeting of King Edward, of England, and Emperor Francis Joseph, of Austria, at Marienbad, will result in an arbitration treaty between England and Austria which will be identical in terms with those which England has already signed with France, Italy and Germany.

It is announced that the Vatican still hopes to find a way of getting out of the present difficulties with France in a manner satisfactory to both parties, without breaking the Concordat. Negotiations are now on for the establishment of a new Concordat which will not give rise to incidents such as have caused the existing rupture.

News of the Day.

Emperor Francis Joseph visited King Edward at Marienbad, Bohemia, yesterday.

Gossip in financial circles connects the Gould interests with the proposed pool of Seaboard stock.

Southern wheat sold at \$1 in Baltimore yesterday for the first time since March. In New York wheat sold at \$1.08.

The Dubois-Heitfeld forces regained control of the Idaho democratic convention, routing the Mormon forces after a fierce fight.

George Switzer, of Philadelphia, yesterday snatched two boys from the approaching hoofs of five horses, tossed them out of harm's way and was badly mangled that he died four hours later.

Judge F. A. Guthrie, of the Seventh West Virginia judicial district, died at Point Pleasant yesterday. He sat on the bench continuously for 24 years and was one of the ablest jurists in the State.

The old colonial building on the James Howard McHenry estate, known as the Sudbrook Mansion, near Pikesville, Md., occupied as a boarding house, was completely wrecked by fire yesterday afternoon.

Gen. E. A. McAlpin, lifelong republican and for many years one of the prominent officials of the New York republican State organization, has informed his friends that he will not be able to support Roosevelt for President.

The Western Union Telegraph Company has again changed its district superintendent within a year. F. E. Clary, who succeeded Col. J. B. Tree, retired last fall, has now been superseded in Richmond by Superintendent Maxwell, long in charge of the Savannah office.

Kingston, the 7-year-old son of D. C. Flynn, of Parkersburg, W. Va., died yesterday morning of gangrene of the lung. A month ago in eating an apple he swallowed a blade of grass, which worked into his lungs. An operation removed the grass, but gangrene followed.

Henry Buchner was shot by his brother-in-law, Lawrence Welsh, in Baltimore yesterday, and died at the Maryland University Hospital from the effects of the wound. Mrs. Welsh, wife of the man who did the shooting and sister of Buchner, said at the hearing that her husband meant to shoot her.

By a singular coincidence, a widow living in the little town of Oxford, N. J., received yesterday by different vessels which that day had arrived at New York at the same time, the bodies of her two sons, who died accidentally within six days of each other, in widely separated cities of South America.

Dr. William Osler, professor of medicine at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, has been appointed regius professor of medicine at Oxford University, England. The appointment has been approved by King Edward, and Dr. Osler has accepted and will take up his residence in England and begin work in the spring.

Detectives and police of the Weehawken station, New Jersey, are searching for pretty Mrs. Clark Noble, the wife of a well-known sculptor of that name, who has disappeared with her 5-year-old child from 113 Old Boulevard, Weehawken. Considerable mystery surrounds the disappearance of the woman and her child, and the husband and father has given the case into the hands of the police.

Lillian Walker, a girl of 23, well known and with every appearance of refinement, is dying in Bellevue Hospital, New York. She was run down by an automobile yesterday when she went to the aid of a woman who had never seen before who had been arrested by detectives. The detectives resented her interference and threatened to arrest her. In her fright she darted directly across the street and fell in front of the fast moving machine.

Chicago couples wishing to be married within the next three weeks may ask to have the ceremony performed in a den of lions, and if they emerge alive and uninjured the West Madison Carnival committee will present them with the complete furnishings for a five-room flat in which to continue their wedded life. A wedding such as this will be one of the features of the street carnival, and already 47 have asked the privilege of being the bride and bridegroom. Rev. G. H. Markham, a South Side pastor, has volunteered to perform the service, provided he is allowed to remain outside the bars of the den. The couple will be chosen within the next few days.

Richmond in an Eclipse.

Widespread dismay prevailed among the ignorant and superstitious of Richmond yesterday morning when intense darkness covered the sky, following brilliant sunshine. The negroes feared the approach of the day of judgment, and the more intelligent were sorely puzzled and somewhat uneasy. The morning broke bright and clear, with the exception of a slight fog hanging around the horizon. Shortly after 8 o'clock a huge black shadow rushed down from the west, and in a twinkling the darkness of twilight prevailed. The conditions resembled greatly those prevailing during a total eclipse of the sun. In the city little knots of people gathered along the streets and gazed uneasily at the threatening heavens. Those who took a common-sense view of the matter feared a cyclone or a cloudburst. In the country the cries of the birds were hushed and the chickens began to go to roost. Then came a furious downpour of rain, followed by a gradual passing of the shadow. The reappearance of daylight was greeted with joy by thousands.

An Interesting Decision.

Judge R. Carter Scott, of the Circuit Court of Richmond, gave a decision yesterday of interest to every harbor city. He gave a verdict in behalf of the city of Richmond against Peter Hagan & Co., of Philadelphia, for \$442.92, being the expenses incurred in blowing up and removing a barge belonging to Hagan that sunk in the harbor July 3, 1903. Hagan's counsel argued from the provisions of the river and harbor laws enacted under the "commerce" clause of the federal constitution that federal jurisdiction is paramount over navigable waters, and that the State and city statutes are null and void by conflict. Judge Scott held that there is no conflict; that the acts of both the State and the United States were for the same general purpose of keeping navigation open, and that the one law was designed to assist the other.

No Substitute Offered.

Say what you will about druggists offering something "just as good" because it pays a better profit, the fact still stands that ninety-nine out of a hundred druggists recommend Chamberlain's Colic Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy when the best remedy for diarrhoea is asked for, and do so because they know it is the one remedy that can always be depended upon even in the most severe and dangerous cases. Sold by Richard Gibson and W. F. Creighton & Co.

Virginia News.

Governor Montague has resented Henry Dickerson, of Prince George county, who was sentenced to hang Friday, August 19, for criminal assault. The man is allowed to live till September 16.

All of the departments of the Mattoaca Cotton Factory at Petersburg, with the exception of the weaving department, have stopped work. About 100 operatives are thrown out of employment.

The old grave yard on Aquia creek is being cleared of trees and debris, which have been collecting for more than a century. This grave yard is the resting place of many notable persons of Colonial days. On one of the tomb stones is the name of Lady Baltimore, buried in 1657.

The annual meeting of Joe Kendall Camp, Confederate Veterans, will be held at Bethel, Fauquier county Saturday August 20. A large number of distinguished guests have been invited to be present, among whom are Hon. John W. Daniel, Gen. Eppa Hunton, Hon. Claude A. Swanson, Hon. Joseph E. Willard, Judge James Keith, and Hon. John F. Rixey.

The big provision house of W. S. Forbes & Co. in Richmond was damaged to the extent of probably \$40,000 by fire yesterday. The loss is covered by insurance. During the fire, Capt. W. B. Shaw, of No. 6 Company, was severely injured by a fall, his arm being broken. The smell of burning meat filled the air for miles and drew an immense crowd to the scene. The city's entire fire department was necessary to conquer the flames.

The decision of the State corporation commission, rendered in 1903, fixing Richmond as against Manchester as the proper place for taxing the rolling stock of the Southern Railway, was affirmed by Judge R. Carter Scott, in the City Circuit Court, yesterday, and Manchester thus loses her appeal from the commission's decision. This latest opinion, it sustained by the Supreme Court of Virginia, to which Manchester attorneys will now appeal, will cut that municipality's revenues down about one-eighth.

At Loudoun camp meeting, in Benton's woods, yesterday, the reunion of Confederate veterans was held. An address was made by Dr. J. William Jones, of Richmond, a Confederate chaplain, on Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson. The attendance was about 6,000. Among those present were members of Mosby's command, White's Battalion, the Seventh and Eighth Virginia Cavalry and Artillery, local chapters of the Daughters of the Confederacy, Sons of Veterans and Clinton Hatcher Camp, Confederate Veterans.

Situation in the East.

Signs that Port Arthur is in imminent danger of capture by the Japanese are multiplying. A St. Petersburg cablegram says that while food is still abundant the ammunition supply at the fortress has been largely decreased by the recent fighting.

United States minister Lloyd Griscom sends word from Tokio that in the opinion of officials there the fortress will surrender in a few days. From other sources the garrison is reported to be eating horse meat. The Japanese are again advancing in northern Manchuria.

According to authentic information received in Paris yesterday, the continued discomfiture of Russian arms has not modified the resolute determination in responsible quarters to pursue the war to the bitter end. It has been said the Japanese might be prepared to consider such peace conditions as could not involve danger of renewal of the war at a comparatively early date. There is good reason to believe, however, that in St. Petersburg there is less inclination than ever to entertain any idea of the termination of hostilities until Russian prestige has been thoroughly retrieved. The immutable conviction persists in responsible Russian quarters that in the end the Russian arms must be victorious, even should the eventual fall of Port Arthur be followed by other reverses.

The opinion in Russian government circles is that the resources of the empire for purposes of war are practically inexhaustible, and that Russia will find all the money she requires to carry on hostilities for several years to come. The idea of mediation, which might conceivably have been undertaken by France or Germany, has throughout the war been scouted by both belligerents. At the present moment the chances of its being taken into consideration by Russia are more remote than ever.

Would Wed White Woman.

William H. Copp, aged 35 years, of Woodstock, Va., who claims to be one-sixteenth negro and fifteen-sixteenths white, yesterday went to Hagerstown, Md., and applied to Court Clerk Oswald for a license to marry Lizzie F. Shippe, a white woman 25 years old, of Woodstock. Copp has a sandy mustache and kinky hair. The Shippe woman had with her a 2-months-old child, which Copp claimed. The license clerk asked him why he did not take out a license in Virginia. Copp said the Woodstock authorities would not issue the license, but that a judge had advised him that under the Maryland law he could be married, as the law did not bar a man who was only one-sixteenth negro from marrying a white woman in Maryland. The Maryland code says:

"All marriages between a white person and a negro, or between a white person and a person of negro descent, to the third generation, inclusive, are forever prohibited, and shall be void."

The penalty for violation is from 18 months to 10 years in the penitentiary. Several advised him to go to Chambersburg, where there would be no trouble, and the clerk finally refused to issue the license, saying he would issue no license to any person with negro blood in him to marry a white woman, and that he could not interpret the meaning of "third generation," spoken of in the law.

Copp then left for Chambersburg, where he expects to get a license.

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Today's Telegraphic News

Ex-Senator Davis Notified.

White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. Aug. 17.—The ceremony attending the notification of ex-Senator Davis of his selection as democratic candidate for the vice presidency today was extremely simple but full of interest. It took place shortly after 1 o'clock this afternoon in the natural amphitheatre, a stone's throw from the famous old Greenbrier Hotel. National Chairman Tom Taggart was absent. His telegram of last night announcing that he could not attend came as a distinct disappointment. Perry Belmont, of New York; sergeant-at-arms, John I. Martin, of St. Louis; Senator Daniel, of Virginia; National Committeeman Norris, of the District of Columbia; the members of the notification committee and half a dozen others who had places on the speaker's stand showed by their presence, the broad significance of the event. A large number of persons were present and the weather was fine. When Mr. Williams ascended the speaker's stand and greeted the audience he received a flattering reception. The custom was ignored by the notification committee in presenting to Mr. Davis his formal written notification in advance of the ceremonies which comprised the feast of oratory.

The formalities incident to the speech of Mr. Williams were brief, and a humorous parody on the history of the country from colonial days was much enjoyed by all present. In addressing Mr. Davis he said:

"The people see in you one of the best products of the best period of American institutions, a period whose salient characteristics were local self-government, individuality, equal opportunity and freedom. Freedom to work, freedom to buy and sell, freedom to compete in the industrial world, self-dependence, free development under equal opportunity as one's own master and not merely as the well-trained and well-managed industrial servant of another. They see in you what Oliver Wendell Holmes says is a rare thing—a self-made man who is yet not too proud of his maker."

Mr. Davis in his reply said:

Mr. Chairman and gentlemen of the committee: The official notification which you bring of my nomination for the vice presidency of the United States, by the national democracy, gives me a feeling of the sincerest gratitude to my party for the honor conferred. At the same time, it brings to me a deep sense of my responsibility, to my party as a candidate, and to my country as a case of my election. A spirit of determination to succeed in the campaign before us appears to pervade the rank and file of our party in all sections of the country. Of that rank and file I have for many years been a member and have at all times devoted my humble powers to party success, believing that success to be for the country's good. Unexpectedly called as I am now to the forefront, I am impelled to an acceptance of the obligation by a sense of gratitude to my fellow-workers, and the hope that I may be able the better to assist in restoring to power that party whose principles and past history guarantee a safe, wise, economical and constitutional administration of the government. I find, therefore, a great pleasure, standing here upon the borderland of the two Virginias, to receive and accept the commission you bear, to send greetings through you to the democracy of the entire country. Is it not significant of a closer and truer brotherhood among us, that for the first time since the civil war a nominee on the national ticket has been taken from that section of our common country that lies south of Mason and Dixon's line—a happy recognition of the obliteration of all sectional differences which led to and followed that unhappy struggle. As introductory to the few remarks I shall make, I desire to say that I heartily endorse the platform upon which I have been nominated and with the convention and its nominee for President, regard the present monetary standard of value as irrevocably established."

Mr. Davis then made an interesting and suggestive contrast between precedents of administration and referred to many interesting chapters in the country's history. In concluding he said:

"It will be my pleasure and duty, at a time not far hence, to accept more formally, in writing, the nomination which you have tendered in such graceful and complimentary terms, and to give my views upon some of the important questions now commanding the attention of the country."

When Senator Davis concluded, a pretty incident added to the enthusiasm evoked by his address. Mrs. W. L. Peel, of Atlanta, Ga., attended by 17 other ladies, from her home city, was escorted to the platform and presented to Senator Davis a beautiful flag which he accepted with graceful acknowledgment.

Mrs. Peel is the "original Parker woman." She entertained Judge Parker when he attended the Bar Association meeting at Atlanta and has been a Parker boomer ever since.

G. A. R.

Boston, Aug. 17.—Today the Grand Army of the Republic got down to business and proceeded to the election of officers and the selection of the place in which to meet next year. The deliberations were held behind closed doors, none but delegates being admitted. It was generally conceded this morning that Gen. W. T. Blackmar, of the Massachusetts regiment would be the next commander-in-chief, although friends of Col. John C. Shotts, of New York, claim that he still in the race. It is said that Massachusetts has made a deal with western delegates to vote for Denver as the next meeting place in return for votes for Blackman as commander-in-chief. In addition to the G. A. R. convention the Woman's Relief corps convention is being held today in Tremont Temple and the Maimed Soldiers League, the Sons of Veterans and other affiliated organizations are holding annual meetings in different places. Corps and regiments re-unions in great numbers are scheduled throughout the day and a number of receptions and harbor and ocean excursions are down on the programme. At 3:30 this afternoon, the United States training ship Cumberland will be launched at the navy yard in Charlestown. Miss Morton, daughter of the Secretary of the Navy, will christen the ship.

A letter from President Roosevelt was read. After discussion regarding the time for holding the election of officers it was decided to put the election over until tomorrow.

Demand Surrender of Port Arthur.

Tokio, Aug. 17.—It is learned in official circles that a demand was yesterday delivered to the beleaguered Russian force in Port Arthur to surrender. The demand, which was delivered by Mayor Yamkha, was made in the name of the Mikado, and was actuated by the serious plight of the Russian garrison. The reply of Commanding General Stoessel is expected today.

London, Aug. 17.—The Kobe correspondent of the Star, wiring relative to the demand for the surrender of Port Arthur, says the commander of the Russian forces promised to send a reply at 10 o'clock this morning.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 17.—The following dispatch reporting the resumption of the Japanese advance in Manchuria, has been received from Mukden: "The Japanese have occupied Tsan Shan on our extreme left flank. On August 15 a small force of the enemy's infantry occupied Dapindaushan Pass. Our outposts retired."

St. Petersburg, Aug. 17.—The following dispatch was received from General Kurapatkin today: "There is no change in the situation. Rain is falling everywhere. The Chun Chuse are active. The Japanese are constructing a railway between Feng Wang Cheng and Leng Chang Wan. The cars are drawn by men."

Tokio, Aug. 17.—Admiral Togo reports that the Japanese casualties in the sea fight of August 10 were 225 killed and wounded.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 17.—It is reported that a portion of the Russian Baltic sea squadron sailed yesterday evening for the far East.

Another Lynching Reported.

Savannah, Ga., Aug. 17.—Advice from Statesboro this morning reported that Handy Bell, one of the negroes accused of complicity in the murder of the Hodges family, was burned at the stake late last night. No confirmation of this third lynching has been received, but it is generally regarded as true. Bell had not been tried in connection with the murder. It is known here that Reed, in his confession just before he was lynched, stated that Cato did not take an active part in the killing, but acted as a lookout for the assassins. He said Bell was the man who took a direct hand in the killing. When the mob learned of this they started in a hunt for Bell, who had previously been released. They probably found him miles away in the country and burned him at the stake. All was reported quiet in Statesboro this morning.

Reports from Statesboro this afternoon state that A. R. Talbot and A. J. Gaines were captured by the mob at Gaines' house and lynched. Gaines and Talbot are preachers. The report, however, has not been verified.

Held Up by Russian Cruiser.

London, August 17.—The British steamer Scotian was stopped on August 12 west of Gibraltar by the Russian cruiser Ural. The cruiser fired two blank shots and one shell across the Scotian's bow. An officer of the Ural boarded the Scotian, examined her papers, and finding them all right, allowed the steamer to proceed. The officer said the cruiser is searching for 200 steamers which are carrying contraband for transshipment at Spanish and Italian ports.

Big Cut in Wire Products.

Pittsburg, Aug. 17.—The United States Steel Corporation has ordered a cut ranging from six to twelve dollars a ton in wire products. The reduction became effective yesterday. This reduction would mean the cutting down of the gross income of the subsidiary companies, all the way from \$6,000,000 to \$12,000,000 a year. Competent judges here look for a dissolution of the pools in all the principal products of the Steel Corporation except rails.

Threatened With Destruction.

Albany, Oregon, Aug. 17.—The worst fire in the history of Linn county is sweeping down upon four settlements in the eastern part of the county and unless the wind shifts or rain falls the villages of Foster, Sweet Home, Waterloo and Sodaville are doomed. The fire is utterly beyond control, though hundreds of determined men are fighting the flames. Thirty square miles of timber, mills and farm buildings have been burned.

Flood in Nevada.

Reno, Nev., Aug. 17.—Tonopah is completely isolated from the outside world and provisions are running low. Since Sunday morning rain torrents have been pouring down continually. The hills have been veritable water falls, and Tonopah suffered the brunt of it all. Stores have been flooded, water has poured through the streets to a depth of two feet, and the railroad has been washed out in many places.

England Will Protect Her Ships.

London, Aug. 17.—It is learned that the British note to Russia declared that unless Russia renounced every claim to the right to sink such vessels warships would be employed to convoy British merchantmen and protect them from such an outrage. This means that the British government is ready, if necessary, to fight for the principle at stake.

Related Ship Reaches Port.

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 17.—The long overdue British ship Easterbank has arrived from Newcastle, Wales, after a voyage of 342 days. Two men were washed overboard in terrible gales of Cape Horn. The captain's wife and child were compelled to stand in water for hours. Scoury broke out in the crew, but none died.

Judge Parker is said to be confident of his election and displays it daily. Nevertheless he has succeeded in impressing everyone who has come to him with his belief that faith without work won't elect a democratic President in the year of grace 1904.

A crusade against impure food has been started in Richmond.

The New York Stock Market.

New York, Aug. 17.—The stock market this morning was irregular, but in the main was dominated by a desire for profit-taking, due to the revival of the wheat crop scare. The prevalence of a cold wave in the north-west and seasonal advances in wheat futures created a bullish feeling and led to much miscellaneous selling. The general list lost ground fractionally, though Southern Railway was exceptionally firm.

Puts an End to It All.

A grievous wall oftentimes comes as a result of unbearable pain from over taxed organs. Dizziness, Backache, Liver complaint and Constipation. But thanks to Dr. King's Life Pills they put an end to it all. They are gentle but thorough. Try them. Only 25c. Guaranteed by E. S. Leadbeater & Sons, Druggists.

The Market.

Georgetown, Aug. 17.—Wheat 75c.

DRY GOODS.

Lansburgh & Bro., Washington's Favorite Store.

Store closes, 5 p. m.—Saturdays, 9 p. m.

SPECIAL VALUES.

All summer fabrics are greatly reduced in price. These are among the leaders:

22 Shirts of light gray cloth, blue and black Sicilian and white with black polka dots, that have sold at \$4.98, \$5.68 \$2.50 and \$7.50. Now.....
Two Cream Mohair Walking Skirts